

What is claimed is:

1. A touchscreen display device, comprising:

a screen unit having a horizontal direction and a vertical direction; and

an image combining unit which includes image processing means and image combining means, the image processing means receiving a source image signal from an image signal supply portion and reducing a size of a first image resulting from the source image signal, the image combining means combining the size-reduced first image with a second image resulting from an operation input reception image signal such that the size-reduced first image and the second image are displayed on the screen unit.

2. The touchscreen display device according to Claim 1, wherein the image combining means combines the size-reduced first image with the second image such that the size-reduced first image is not blocked by the second image.

3. The touchscreen display device according to Claim 1, wherein the image processing means performs screen compression processing to the first image to reduce the size of the first image in at least one of the horizontal and vertical directions.

4. The touchscreen display device according to Claim 3, wherein the image processing means can determine a compression ratio in the screen compression processing based on an external command.

5. The touchscreen display device according to Claim 3, wherein the image processing means performs the screen compression processing in the horizontal and vertical directions, while maintaining an aspect ratio of the first image.

6. The touchscreen display device according to Claim 1, wherein the image processing means reduces the size of the first image by changing a display mode of the first image.

7. The touchscreen display device according to Claim 1, wherein the image signal supply portion produces the source image signal from a recording medium, and the first image includes a menu image indicating a content of the recording medium.

8. The touchscreen display device according to Claim 2, wherein the second image is superposed on the first image.

9. The touchscreen display device according to Claim 6, wherein the display mode is changed from a wide mode to a normal mode.

10. The touchscreen display device according to Claim 6, wherein the display mode is changed from a normal mode to a letterbox mode.

11. A display apparatus having a touchscreen portion, the display apparatus displaying a first image derived from an image source and a touchscreen image, the display apparatus comprising:

a screen device having a horizontal direction and a vertical direction;

an image processor for receiving the first image from the image source, and reducing a size of the first image; and

an image combining unit for combining the size-reduced first image with the touchscreen image such that the size-reduced first image and the touchscreen image are displayed on the screen device.

12. The display apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the image combining unit combines the size-reduced first image with the touchscreen image such that the size-reduced first image is not blocked by the touchscreen image.

13. The display apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the image processor performs compression processing to the first image to reduce the size of the first image in at least one of the horizontal and vertical directions.

14. The display apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the image processor determines a compression ratio in the compression processing based on an external command.

15. The display apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the image processor performs the compression processing in the horizontal and vertical directions, while maintaining an aspect ratio of the first image.

16. The display apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the image processor reduces the size of the first image by changing a display mode of the first image.

17. The display apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the image source is a recording medium, and the first image includes a menu image indicating a content of the recording medium.

18. The display apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein the touchscreen image is superposed on the first image.

19. A method of superposing a touchscreen image on a main image derived from an image source, comprising:

receiving the main image from the image source;

receiving the touchscreen image;

reducing a size of the main image such that the touchscreen image does not block the size-reduced main image when the touchscreen image is superposed on the main image; and

superposing the touchscreen image on the size-reduced main image.

20. The method according to Claim 19, wherein the size of the main image is reduced by compression.